

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

In re:) NO. 09-10188-SJS
LAWRENCE KATES,)
Debtor.)

In re:) No. 09-17084-SJS
HILLSIDE BALBOA, LLC,) PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Debtor.) RE INITIAL DISTRIBUTION TO
CLASS 5 CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bankruptcy Court has appointed the Stapleton Group, Inc. as the Plan Administrator (the "PA") by its order dated May, 24, 2010 (the "PA Appointment Order"). Creditors who have questions or comments for the PA regarding this Notice may direct their questions or comments to:

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Pursuant to Article VIII of the Debtor's confirmed Amended Plan, the PA is given the authority, in its discretion, and depending upon its independent assessment of the adequacy

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1 of the cash resources of the bankruptcy estate of Larry Kates (the "Estate"), to make an initial
2 distribution (the "Initial Distribution") to Class 5 Claimants holding Allowed Claims within
3 60 days of the Effective Date (May 4, 2010). The PA has conducted its initial review of the
4 pleadings and materials on file with the Bankruptcy Court as well as the books and records of
5 the Debtor and certain of his affiliates. The PA has also inspected various properties and met
6 and consulted with the Post-Confirmation Committee (the "PCC") and the Debtor Larry
7 Kates (who is currently serving as the "Plan Manager" or "PM"). Based upon this review
8 and these consultations, and after carefully considering the Estate's cash resources and the
9 level of cash reserves necessary to assure the Plan Administrator's ability to fully and timely
10 defray the Estate's current and future administrative and priority expenses incurred in
11 administering the Amended Plan, the PA has determined that it is not possible at this juncture
12 to determine whether any portion of the Estate's limited cash on hand can be prudently
13 distributed at this time without impeding the liquidation of the Estate's remaining assets and
14 the orderly administration of the Amended Plan. In particular, potential tax liabilities and
15 other potential future expenses relating to disposition of properties and could drastically
16 affect the cash resources required to administer the Estate.

17 In addition, the PA has determined that even if sufficient Estate funds were otherwise
18 currently available for distribution to Class 5 creditors, there is a substantial controversy as to
19 what claims (and which portion of certain claims) should be treated as Allowed Claims for
20 purposes of such Initial Distribution. In this regard, the Debtor has very recently advised the
21 PA of his opinion that certain claims of note holder creditors should be disallowed in whole
22 or part under applicable California law. The magnitude of such a potential disallowance is
23 substantial and would significantly alter the amounts of any Initial Distribution. In this
24 regard, Article XI of the Amended Plan grants the PA a period of six months amount of the
25 Initial Distribution to creditors from the Effective Date of the Amended Plan to complete its
26 review of the claims of creditors against the Estate. Given these and various other budgeting

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1 and claims allowance issues, the PA is unable at this time to authorize an Initial Distribution
2 and it has determined it is in the best interests of the Estate and its creditors that it make no
3 Initial Distribution at this time. However, the PA is aware of the Amended Plan's
4 requirement that an Initial Distribution occur as soon as there is a sufficient amount of
5 unneeded Estate cash funds available for distribution. The PA is therefore dedicated to
6 promptly proceed with its analysis of the Estate's cash resources and claims allowance issues
7 in order to make an Initial Distribution to holders of Class 5 Claims not subject to bona fide
8 dispute at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

9 DATED this 6th day of July, 2010.

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12 By /s/ Bruce W. Leaverton
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